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CORN IS COMING CROP IN OREGON

Addison Bennett Reviews History of 55 Years and Points Out Advantages Made—Corn Crop Predicted Great Source of Future Revenue.

(By Addison Bennett in Oregonian)
Salem, Ore., Sept. 26.—(Special)—The first State Fair held in Oregon was I believe, just 55 years ago. Its originators undoubtedly had in view a double purpose—the developing and fostering of the agricultural interests of Oregon and the diversifications and friendly meeting of the people of the state.

It would make an interesting story to begin with the fair of 1861, when many of the visitors came in ox carts and lumber wagons, many of them driving over 200 miles, and follow along fair after fair until today, when automobiles by the hundreds bring in their quota of visitors from every portion of the state. To tell the story properly one would have to deal largely with the camping grounds provided for the visitors from the first fair in the great grove adjacent to the fair ground gates, later called the tent city, ruled and governed as a municipality and many of the sites taken year after year by the same people. Indeed, a good many of the sites have been annually occupied by the same families or their descendants from the beginning until now.

Products of Soil Studied.

Believing that agriculture and the livestock interests of the farm are the foundation upon which rests the State Fair, I spent most of my time to day in the new buildings devoted to the horticultural and agricultural interests of the state.

As you enter the building from the front you come at first to the Wasco County exhibit, and then the following exhibits in the order named, passing to the right around the lower floor to the place of entrance. Jackson, Benton, Polk, Multnomah, Linn, Tillamook, Douglas, the one-farm exhibit of C. A. Minor, Heppner; the one-farm exhibit of Chester Mickelsen, Gresham; the Sagenhurst one-farm exhibit, Morrow County, the exhibit of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, Josephine County, the Asylum Farm, Salem; Morrow County, Marion, Clackamas, Washington, Union, Baker, Malheur, the one-farm exhibit of D. M. Lowe, Talent and exhibit of Ivan Stewart, one of the products of Jim Stewart's homestead near Fossil.

Coos Shows for First Time.

First, let's look at the exhibit from Coos, because that county has never had a chance to compete properly until this year, having had no rail connection with the rest of the state. Coos comes in now with one of the finest cheese, butter and corn exhibits ever shown in Oregon. Indeed, it seems safe to say that the Coos corn is as good as can be shown in any county in the United States. As the quality of the cheese and butter, that can only be judged by actual taste, and that can be left to the judges. The corn, however, speaks for itself. This year Coos will turn out 1,500,000 pounds of cheese and 900,000 pounds of butter from the four butter factories and eight cheese factories of that county.

Morrow Exhibit Remarkable.

A word now about the Morrow County exhibit, put together by W. W. Smead, of Heppner: I do not say it is one of the star exhibits in the building unless you take into consideration the soil and climatic conditions of that county. Until recent years Morrow county has been looked upon as a wheat county pure and simple. So it shows what industry, intelligence and perseverance can do to look at the splendid products more particularly the corn, presided over by Mr. Smead.

Now for a few words as to what seems to be the coming dominant crop of Oregon—corn. Some people may laugh at that, for it was said for more than two generations after the first settlement in Oregon that "corn will not grow well nor mature in Oregon." It was D. O. Lively whom I first heard preaching the doctrine of the hog, the cow and corn. The Portland Union Stockyards Company pany employed Mr. Lively, so perhaps we should go back of D. O. and give a lot of credit to Messrs. Daugherty and Plummer for bringing him to Oregon.

Alabama Colored Troubadors Here This Week.

Burns Bros. and Turnham will be here Friday and Saturday at the Star theatre with their Alabama Colored Troubadors. The show is said to be



a high class attraction, with funny comedians, good singers, clever dancers and old time melodies. The company presents a side splitting sketch, "The Clams." There will be a dance following the show with music by the Troubador orchestra.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY IS SET FOR OCT. 8TH

Harvey Wells, State Insurance Commissioner, has sent out letters calling attention to "Fire Prevention Day" which will be observed on October 9th.

In his letter Mr. Wells says:

The anniversary of the Chicago conflagration is October 9th and nearly every state in the Union will observe this as "Fire Prevention Day". The Insurance Department of Oregon wishes to urge the observance of this day and earnestly requests the municipal officers to call the attention of the citizens of their community to the need of fire prevention.

Fire prevention means good house-keeping; the cleaning out of attics, store rooms, closets and basements; the proper disposal of rubbish, repairing flues and chimneys; repairing gas fixtures and electric light cords; making heating plants and stoves safe; and proper storage of gasoline. Try fire prevention once and you will find it is to your interest. I am sure the cleaning up of places will mean sanitation as well as fire prevention.

And I appeal to every school district to hold appropriate exercises and fire drills. If any schools are interested probably this Department can offer suggestions for the school program.

I trust that the insurance agents will cooperate with the fire departments and officers of the different municipalities in order that the many towns in this state may properly observe this day.

HARVEY WELLS,
Insurance Commissioner.

PORTLAND AD CLUB CONTRIBUTES NEW SONG

During their visit to the recent Morrow Fair the Portland Ad Club Quartette composed and sang the following song. It is unnecessary to say that the song made a decided hit with local people.

Hello there Heppner, why how do you do?

We're here from Portland with greetings to you,

We're here to join in your county fair,

To boost you along, we'll all do our share.

We like your town and we're glad to be down

Where the wheat and pumpkins grow,

We like your Oregon style and your Oregon smile

So strike up the band, let her go!

CHORUS.

Come on lets get together for a grand old time

At the Heppner jubilee.

Come along get busy, busy, busy as a

busy, busy bumble-bee,

Just like the great big breakers rolling,

rolling, rolling, pounding in from the sea.

We're going to rap, rap, rap till Heppner's on the map,

At the Heppner jubilee.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE IS GREAT SUCCESS

Prominent Educators Attend Three Days' Session In This City—State Superintendent Churchill Delivers Lecture.

One of the most successful teachers' institutes ever held in this city came to a close Wednesday afternoon after a three days' session. All the meetings were held in the high school auditorium.

The instructors who took part in the program were J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Schools; Dr. D. W. DeBusk, University of Oregon; M. S. Pittman, Oregon Normal School; Miss Fox, of the Bureau of Education; Victor Garvin, County Agriculturist; Condon; Mrs. Harriet M. Heller, Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Portland; S. E. Notson and Dr. D. R. Haylor, both of Heppner.

The following is the program for the three days:

MONDAY MORNING.

9:00 Opening Exercises.

Grade and Rural School Section

9:25 Hearing or Reading a Story

-----Miss Fox

10:05 Recess.

10:15 The Three Essentials of Arithmetic-----Mr. Pittman

11:00 Recess.

11:15 Phonics Applied-----Miss Fox

High School Section

H. H. Hoffman, Presiding

9:25 Fundamentals of Adaptation

-----Dr. DeBusk

10:05 Recess.

10:15 Round Table. How May the High School More Nearly

Meet the Needs of the Rural Student-----Mr. Pittman

11:00 Recess.

11:15 Measuring the Mental Development of the child-----

-----Dr. DeBusk

MONDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Opening Exercises.

1:40 Values of a Story-----Miss Fox

2:20 Recess.

2:30 Hygiene of Mouth, Nose and Throat in Relation to School Progress-----

-----Dr. DeBusk

3:10 Recess.

3:25 Do you camp or live?-----

-----Mr. Pittman

MONDAY EVENING

8:00 Music.

8:15 A Trip Through the Oregon Normal School-----

-----Mr. Pittman

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00 Opening Exercises.

Grade and Rural School Section

9:15 Blackboards and Books-----

-----Miss Fox

10:00 Recess.

10:15 How to get the most out of a Community Meeting-----

-----Mr. Pittman

11:00 Recess.

11:15 Oral and Silent Reading-----

-----Miss Fox

High School Section

L. A. Doak, Presiding.

9:15 Address-----Supt. Churchill

10:00 Recess.

10:15 The Fundamental Laws of Adaptation-----Dr. DeBusk

11:00 Recess.

11:15 Round Table. High School Credit for Bible Study-----

-----Supt. Churchill

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Opening Exercises.

1:40 The Motivation of Conduct-----

-----Dr. DeBusk

2:30 Address-----Supt. Churchill

3:10 Recess.

3:25 Preventive Mental Hygiene-----

-----Dr. DeBusk

TUESDAY EVENING

8:00 Music.

8:15 Address-----Supt. Churchill

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:00 Opening Exercises.

Grade and Rural School Section

9:15 Address. Kindergarten, Montessori and Common sense-----

-----Mrs. Heller

10:00 Recess.

10:15 Elementary Agriculture-----

-----Victor Garvin

11:00 Recess.

11:15 Remarks-----S. E. Notson

High School Section

S. H. Doak, Presiding.

9:15 Round Table. High School English—Difficulties and their Remedies.

10:00 Recess.

10:15 Round Table. High School Debating Leagues—Value and Advisability of.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:15 Opening Exercises.

1:30 Lecture. The Eye-----

-----Dr. D. R. Haylor

2:10 Recess.

2:20 Address. What it Means to be a Ward of the State-----

-----Mrs. Heller

2:45 Recess.

2:55 Closing Exercises.

LIVELY CONDITIONS IN IONE COUNTRY

Wheat Averages Better Than 30 Bushels.—Other Interesting Correspondence From the Egg City.

From 153 acres, Laxton McMurray has threshed over 2000 sacks of grain. This is Turkey red and was raised from imported seed costing Mr. McMurray more than three dollars per bushel, yet he figures that it paid him well and it is his opinion that more grain for seed should be imported to improve the quality of our product. Mr. McMurray also experimented with 100 acres of Spring sown Turkey Red and this has produced exceedingly well, so well in fact, that he believes this to be a good grain for Spring sowing. It is a very hardy grain and cannot fail to bring results. The 100 acres was "disked in" as Mr. McMurray had no well prepared ground to plant at the time of the sowing. His returns on this 100 acres should be around ten sacks to the acre, and results no doubt would have been far better had the grain been sown on well prepared soil. Being one of the progressive farmers of this section, Mr. McMurray will thresh better than 15000 sacks of grain from 1400 acres this season, and he has it all in the sack now but about 400 acres which is headed and ready for the thrasher. A combined harvester did most of the work. Mr. McMurray will move on to his own farm soon and he is contemplating the purchase of a caterpillar engine to do his plowing and take the place of so many horses and mules necessary to do the work at the present time. He believes his place to be well situated for the use of such a machine.

Mrs. C. Minsinger, accompanied by her daughters, Miss Edna and Miss Helen, Miss Jean Stevens and Mr. W. W. Geer arrived from Portland on Wednesday last on their way to the Pendleton Round-Up. They were joined here by Mr. F. E. Cronan, of the Bank of Ione, and the party proceeded on to Pendleton Thursday morning, remaining for the three days of the big western show. These people are traveling by auto and "enjoyed" some of the fine Morrow and Unatilla roads on the trip. They returned to Ione by way of Heppner, coming from Pendleton over the Blue trail and pronounced that end of the road an improvement over the other route. The big show at Pendleton was compensation, however, for the inconvenience suffered in getting there.

W. L. Houston arrived from Portland Tuesday to take charge of the construction of the new Mason block. Work on the store building will be commenced at once and pushed to completion at an early date. This store building will be one of the best and most convenient structures in the county, and being built of brick and tile will also present a handsome appearance. Bert Mason has been merchandising in Ione for the past seventeen years and his friends rejoice with him that he is making this progressive move at this time. The new building will go up on the corner opposite the bank.

J. T. Knappenberg, J. W. Puyear, J. H. Cochran and Louis Padberg made up a party of Ione nimrods who hid themselves to the tall timber of the Blue mountains on Tuesday. These gentlemen have some buck deer stalked out up there and are making this trip at this time for the purpose of bringing them in. Their friends are all getting ready for venison, and there should be plenty of it to go around, providing—

B. F. Sorenson, of Morgan was a passenger Wednesday for Harrisburg, Oregon, his former home. Mr. Sorenson has been doing considerable dairying in connection with his other farm work since locating on his Morrow county farm. He has decided, however, to engage more extensively in wheat raising, and will dispose of his dairy stock. Any one interested in getting some good young Holstein milkers should get in communication with Mr. Sorenson at Morgan.

Four children of the E. H. Turner family who reside north of Ione, are down with typhoid fever and are under the care of a physician. The doctor pronounces the attack of rather a light form but severe enough to keep the young people confined for some time yet. An analysis of the water used by the family from barrels would seem to reveal the cause of the attack.

L. D. Peterson returned to his home at Toledo, Oregon, on Wednesday.

Wheeler County to Vote On Highway Project.

(Oregonian)
Wheeler county will vote on a bond issue of \$15,000 for the construction of a state highway unit through the county and for improvement of other roads.

This decision was reached at a meeting by the County Court of Wheeler County last Tuesday immediately following a meeting of taxpayers at Fossil, who unanimously indorsed the project.

The proposed highway will be built through to the Idaho line, touching at Condon, Fossil, Spray, Dayville, John Day, Prairie City and Ontario. The distribution of the money will be divided into four units as follows: \$4500 on the first unit from the Gilliam county line to Fossil; \$7500 on the second unit from the mouth of Sarvice creek; \$31,000 on the third unit from the mouth of Sarvice Creek to Spray; \$15,000 on the fourth unit from Spray to the Grant County line. The amounts allotted to constitute one-half of the state estimate of the total cost of construction.

The State Surveyors have completed their work in Wheeler County and have moved to the junction of the John Day River, at the Grant County line, and will proceed immediately with the survey through Grant County.

The bond issue will be on the ballot at the November election.

AMERICAN EXPORTS PASSES ALL RECORDS

Washington, Sept. 25.—American exports finally have passed the half billion dollar a month mark. Statistics issued today by the department of commerce show that goods sent abroad in August were valued at \$510,000,000, a record not only for this country but for the world. The total is \$35,000,000 above the previous high record, established in May, and \$45,000,000 higher than the June figures.

Imports decreased in August, the total of \$199,247,391 being \$47,000,000 below that of June, the record month. It was greater, however, than the total for any previous August. Exports for the year ended with August aggregated \$4,750,000,000 and the imports \$2,200,000,000, both totals being far in advance of those for any similar period. Of the August imports, 66.5 per cent entered free of duty, compared with 67.5 in August a year ago.

The federal trade balance for August was \$311,000,000, compared with \$119,000,000 in August a year ago, and a balance of \$19,000,000 in August, 1914, against the United States.

For the 12 months ending August 31 the export balance was \$2,465,000,000, as against \$1,353,000,000 in the preceding year and \$374,000,000 two years ago.

The net inward gold movement for August was \$29,000,000 and for the year \$410,000,000, a record-breaker. Last year the net inward gold movement was \$146,000,000 and two years ago there was a net outward movement of \$95,000,000. Gold imports in August were \$41,238,716, against \$61,641,191 in August, 1915, and \$3,045,219 in August, 1914.

MORROW EXHIBIT GOES TO SEATTLE LAND SHOW

After the closing of the State Fair at Salem, W. W. Smead will take the Morrow county exhibit to Seattle, where it will be entered in the Land Products Show. This show was formerly held in Portland and last year the Morrow exhibit took first prize in competition with other Eastern Oregon counties. The Seattle exhibit from this county is financed by Morrow county and business men of Heppner.

From reports, our exhibit at the State Fair is causing considerable comment of a favorable nature. Nearly every county in the state has an exhibit. If Morrow county is awarded first prize this year it will be only after competition of the keenest kind.

R. H. Young made a business trip to Butter creek Wednesday.

John Brown of this city was an interested spectator at the Pendleton Round-Up last week.

While in Pendleton last week we had the pleasure of meeting our old friend Frank Nash. Mr. Nash is now on the police force there.

1916 ROUND-UP EXCELLED PAST YEARS

Jackson Sundown Is Announced As Champion Cowboy Amidst the Cheers of Thousands—Crowds Break All Records For Attendance.

The 1916 Round-Up eclipsed all former events at Pendleton last week when more than thirty thousand spectators saw Jackson Sundown, a Nez Perce Indian, 50 years of age, ride the celebrated broncho Angle and win the championship of the world.

Three cowboys including Sundown rode in the finals for the championship title, but the Indian's riding left no question as to who the title belonged to. The crowd saw it at once and after he had ridden in the semifinals the cry of "Sundown, Sundown, we want Sundown" rang from the grandstand and resounded over the arena. This was only a gentle zephyr as compared to the terrific cyclone that burst from grandstand and bleachers alike after Sundown had made his big ride on Angle. It was a hard ride and a pretty ride as well. The crowds went wild. Fully fifteen minutes of cheering accompanied the veteran warrior of the range as he rode proudly around the arena in his new \$350 prize saddle.

Sundown is said to be a perfect Indian model. For the past few months he has served at a model for Phimister Proctor, the noted New York sculptor and Mr. Proctor has some of his work on display in Pendleton at this time.

After Sundown had received the verdict from the judges he smiled happily as anyone could smile and said, "Me long time try, now me ketchum." Sundown lives at Coldspring, Idaho, and has been riding at the Round-Up for the past several years.

The Round-Up is the greatest show of its kind on earth. That is what all the cowboys say who attend the other shows over the country and that is the popular verdict of the crowds that attend from year to year. One of the noticeable features of the show is the manner in which the entire program is presented. During the three days there was not one hitch. Event followed event in rapid succession and the spectators were kept ever jumping from their seats yelling and cheering at the top of their voices. The relay races were as exciting as the bucking contests and the steer roping showed a display of skill that was interesting as well as exciting. In the bull dogging events it was our disappointment to see Buffalo Vernon, about whom we had heard so much, lose out badly to lesser lights. Vernon appears to us to now be a back number. Nothing brought the crowd to its feet like the wild horse race at the end of each day's program. The cowboys appeared to enjoy this event even as much as the people on the outside of the arena.

Pendleton's energetic Round-Up directorate provided great amusement for the visitors in the evening at Happy Canyon, where an expenditure of \$12,000 was made to get the proper setting for this show.

Pendleton's hospitality may be equaled in a few instances but to excel it would be impossible. The town was turned over to the visitors and everything possible was done for their amusement. The crowd was an orderly one although of course noisy, that is the Round-Up style. Everybody is going back again next year.

La Grande Observer Sold.

Bruce Dennis has sold the La Grande Observer to J. D. Myers and Mrs. O. C. Letter, the new proprietor taking charge Saturday, September 16. Mr. Dennis, in his farewell, states that he intends to continue residing in La Grande, but does not indicate what line he will follow. He has become one of the leading citizens of his town and one of its most ardent and effective boosters. Mr. Letter has been city editor of the Portland Oregonian and also of the Portland Journal and brings years of best training to the Observer. He announces that the policy of the paper will continue unchanged.

Ed. Buckman, proprietor of the Eastern hotel, took his family and motored to Pendleton last week.

A continual stream of wheat wagons is the order of the day in Heppner now.

See Napoleon and Sally at the Star Monday and Tuesday.